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## I. General Statement:

- A. Architectural character: The Monterey Hotel's distinguishing feature is the fine two-story Eastlake porch across an otherwise plain facade.
- B. Condition of the fabric: Generally good and structurally sound; the third floor needs repairs.

## II. Description of the Exterior:

- A. Overall dimensions: The ell-shaped three-story building is seven bays long and three bays deep with a two-story ell to the north. The ell extends back three bays, and is two bays wide.
  - B. Foundation: Stone.
- C. Wall construction: German siding with shingles in the cross gables.
- D. Porches: A two-story Eastlake porch with turned posts, curvilinear brackets and incised open-work frieze and balustrade crosses the facade.
  - E. Chimneys: Interior chimneys have brick stacks.
  - F. Openings:
- 1. Doorways and doors: The main entrance double doors with rectangular glass panes, small panels with bullseyes and rectangular panels are surmounted by a glass transom. The whole is surrounded by symmetrically molded trim with bullseye corner blocks.
- 2. Windows: Wooden double-hung windows have two-over-two sash and are surrounded by symmetrically molded trim with bullseye corner blocks.
  - G. Roof: The hipped roof is broken by two cross gables.

## III. Description of the Interior:

- A. Floor plan: Irregular.
- B. Stairway: The two-run stair rises in the rear of the entrance ball.
  - C. Wall and ceiling finish: Painted and papered plaster.
- D. Doorways and doors: Paneled doors are surrounded by symmetrically molded trim with corner blocks.
  - E. Trim: Simple baseboards are found in all the rooms.
- F. Heating: Although the hotel was originally warmed by fireplaces, only one with its mantel remains. The frieze of the mantel is decorated with a curvilinear motif, topped by a thick shelf and supported by pilasters. Presently the building has central steam heating.
- IV. Site: The shaded lot is situated on the main street of Monterey, U.S. 250, and faces southwest.

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The rambling Monterey Hotel is the premier historic landmark of the mountain community of Monterey. Built in 1904 as a resort hotel, the three-story frame structure symbolizes an important facet of the economic and social history of western Virginia. Through the early decades of the present century the region was dotted with numerous resorts and spas offering a salubrious climate and healthful waters to the floods of visitors seeking to escape the summer heat of the seaboard cities. In recent years the combination of a more hurried way of life, easier long-distance travel, and air conditioning has resulted in the demise of nearly all of Virginia's mountain resorts. The Monterey is one of the few hotels of its size to continue operation. In its heyday the hotel boasted such prominent guests as Harvey Firestone and Henry Ford. Still maintaining a loyal clientele of summer visitors, the Monterey is also an important center for community and county affairs.

The hotel's original owner was S. W. Crummett of Staunton, Virginia. The contractors were the Eustler brothers of Grottoes, who built it for \$6000. The hotel's outstanding architectural feature is an elaborate Eastlake style two-level porch with a profusion of both turned and sawn ornamentation.

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